

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, April 9, 2008.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God, in Whom we place our trust and hope, we depend upon You, Our Creator, for the wisdom and the courage to live each day in a purposeful and happy manner. Even on our busiest days, teach us to make room for You and Your ways in our hearts and minds. Inspire us to use our intellectual and natural talents wisely as we carry out our daily responsibilities. As elected leaders, constituents look to us for leadership and creativity in planning for the present and future of our society. In these turbulent times in a changing world, help us to keep our communities safe, peaceful and respectful of the rights of all so that we may live in security and harmony.

Prayer.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of the House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Paper from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Senate Bill relative to rates for human and social service programs (Senate, No. 65, changed), and recommending that the same be referred to the Senate committee on Ways and Means,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence, inasmuch as relates to the discharge of the committee.

Human
service
programs,
rates.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 354, 870, 902, 904, 905, 907, 908, 913, 917, 922, 924, 926, 932, 936, 946, 951, 957, 961, 966, 969, 976, 981, 982, 985, 988, 990, 991, 993, 997, 998, 1004, 1009, 1010, 1017, 1020, 1032, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1039, 1052, 1055, 1057, 1063, 1066, 1074, 1078, 1080, 1083, 1084, 1088, 1091, 1104, 1110, 1111, 1113, 1117, 3782, 3928, 3929, 3930, 3935 and 4507, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning insurance, banking and other related matters (House, No. 4666).

Insurance
and banking,
study.

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, Nos. 3, 17, 31, 1914, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1932, 1934, 1936, 1937, 1945, 1952, 1957, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1971, 1972, 1974,

Municipal
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1982, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1992, 1994, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2003, 3664, 3860, 4021, 4075 and 4137, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning municipal and regional government and other related matters (House, No. 4667).

Public
health,
study.

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, for the committee on Public Health, on House, Nos. 679, 1172, 1978, 2041, 2045, 2061, 2062, 2064, 2069, 2070, 2079, 2089, 2090, 2093, 2097, 2101, 2102, 2105, 2107, 2108, 2111, 2114, 2118, 2136, 2148, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2194, 2199, 2202, 2205, 2209, 2219, 2220, 2228, 2231, 2233, 2247, 2249, 2250, 2254, 2257, 2266, 2270, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 3764, 3768 and 3886, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning public health and other related matters (House, No. 4668).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

Uniform
probate
code.

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, No. 843 and House, Nos. 1633 and 1652, a Bill relative to the uniform probate code (House, No. 1633). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Tax
fairness.

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the recommitted Bill improving tax fairness and business competitiveness (House, No. 4645) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question, being on ordering the bill to a third reading with an amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means (House, No. 4656) pending.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following matters be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Police
training.

The Senate Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the establishment of a statewide law enforcement training program (Senate, No. 1342, amended); and

Brockton,
building
commissioner.

The Senate Bill relative to the certification of the inspector of buildings and building commissioner in the city of Brockton (Senate, No. 2458); and

House bills

Relative to the timing of reimbursement for federal manufacturers excise tax (House, No. 3324);

Relative to the homeowners' residential tax exemption in the city of Boston (House, No. 4104);

Exempting the position of deputy fire chief in the town of Hingham from the the civil service law (House, No. 4496);

Establishing a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the Department of Mental Retardation (House, No. 4567); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Deborah A. Jones, an employee of the Department of Mental Retardation (House, No. 4928);

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Petroleum
taxes.

Boston, coop-
erative housing.

Hingham,
deputy fire
chief.

Marie Silva,
sick leave.

Deborah
Jones,
sick leave.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.